

Amendment is made timely filed by the accompanying authorization for payment of a one-month extension of time fee.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 21, without prejudice.

1. (Amended) A thermal transfer system, comprising:
- a container [for receiving] that receives a medium, the medium comprising a biopharmaceutical product; and
- a structure ^{spontaneous} positioned in said container;
- a first heat exchange member ^{fin}, at least partially coupled to an interior surface of said container;
- a second heat exchange member ^{fin} at least partially coupled to said structure wherein a portion of said first heat exchange member is placed in close proximity to a portion of said second heat exchange member to aid formation of a thermal transfer bridge that improves conduction of heat into or out of the medium, wherein the first and second heat exchange members are configured to promote formation of dendrite fronts substantially throughout the container as heat is conducted out of the medium.

REMARKS

Claims 1-20, and 22-35 are pending. Claim 1 is amended. No new matter is added by these amendments. Claim 21 has been cancelled, without prejudice.

Applicants thank the Examiner and Office for the courtesies extended to Applicants' representative during a telephone interview on November 6, 1998 and an in-